Caitanya and Nityananda Benedict the Sahajiiya
From the Sri Caitanya Bhagavata

Narrator: Once, Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda were walking to Sri Advaita Acarya's house in Santipur. While walking through the village of Lalitapur, they saw a small house on the banks of the Ganga.
(Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda, arm around each other, joyfully chanting Hare Krsna.)

Both: *Hare Krsna Hare Krsna Krsna Krsna Hare Hare*
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Caitanya: Whose house is this?

Nityananda: It appears to be a sannyasi's ashram!

Caitanya: If we are fortunate, We may be able to get his association.
(The elderly "sannyasi" comes out and Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda offer obeisances to him.)

Sahajiiya: O beautiful Brahmana boys, may you have wealth, fame, a good marriage and great learning!

Caitanya: (puzzled) A true Sannyasi does not give a blessing like that! A true sannyasi will say, " May you attain Lord Krsna's Mercy!" Material qualities are of no consequence. Devotion to Lord Visnu is the true blessing. It is eternal and can never be lost. That blessing, a true sannyasi will give. What you said is not right.

Sahajiiya: (to himself, laughing) Today, I have found the proof of what I have only heard of before - "A person who speaks sweet words will find himself beaten with sticks." This Brahmana's son acts like that. I cheerfully blessed him that he will become wealthy - what has happened to the good deed I just did? What fault is there on my part?

Listen, Brahman Boy, why do You

criticize my blessing? If a person born in this world does not enjoy pastimes with beautiful, amorous women and does not have any wealth, then what is he doing with his life? I give you the blessing to become wealthy and You only become embarrassed to receive it! You may be a devotee of Visnu, but how do You maintain Your body without money? Hmm? Tell me that.

Caitanya: (Laughs and places His hand on His forehead) Please listen. Listen, O Sanyassi Goswami, it is because of his past karma that a living being eats food and encounters various moods of devotional service. If the purpose of life is to enjoy, then please tell me - why are wealth and family always taken away at death? O Goswami, please consider what is good and bad. Nothing is better than devotional service to Lord Krsna.

Sahajiiya: (to himself) Ha! I think that this Brahmana must be crazy! The time has come - standing before a child, it is evident that I know nothing! I who have traveled all over the earth! I have traveled to Ayodhya, Mathura, Badarikasrama. Guruvata, Varanasi, Gaya, Vijayanagari, Hardwar, Simhala and all the important cities where the devout gather around the Diety forms of the Supreme. But, I do not know is right and what is wrong. What I am saying is wrong. Now, a boy still drinking His mother's milk must give me instruction.

Nityananda: Listen, Goswami, you should not argue with a Child. I know how glorious you really are. Please glance upon us with favor and forgive everything.

Sahajiiya: (smiling) Now, you have pleased me. Please come over here and sit down. My wife has prepared a meal.

(Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda look at each, surprised that this "sanyassi" has a wife.)

Nityananda: We must hurry on. We have urgent business further on. Please give us some simple fruits and vegetables. Later today, after bathing, we will stop on the path and eat.

Sahajiiya: Bathe here, eat something, rest and then go. That is my request.

(Wife brings plates of opulent foodstuffs. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda sit down and begin to honor prasadam.)

Sahajiiya: Listen, boys, I have something I think you'll like. Where will I find guests like you? Shall I bring some "bliss."

Caitanya: Oh, no thank you. You have been too kind, already.

Sahajiiya: It is no trouble! Shall I bring some "bliss?" You must have some "bliss" with such a fine meal!

Wife: Why do interrupt their eating?

Sahajiiya: Okay, I'll just go get it; You can take it as you like. **(He leaves.)**

Caitanya: (to Lord Nityananda) What is this "bliss" the man talks about?

Nityananda: He must mean wine.

Caitanya: (shocked) Visnu! Visnu!
(Lord Caitanya suddenly runs from the room. Lord Nityananda follows.)

Nityananda: Sri Caitanya! I am coming! Wait for Me!

Narrator: Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda jumped into the Ganges River that can take away all karmic reaction. This story from the Caitanya Bhagavata, Madhya-khanda, Volume 2 Chapter 19 illustrates the mercy of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda, because the Lords were merciful even to a debauchee who drank wine and enjoyed the company of women. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda conversed with him, taught him and accepted the meal he offered. In that birth, the "sanyassi" did not become saintly, but in another birth he will. All Glories to Sri Krsna Caitanya Mahaprabhu! All Glories to Sri Nityananda Mahaprabhu!
(Bhajan)